





# The People's Press.

SALEM, N. C.

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1878.

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to this office, by note or account, would confer a special favor by calling and settling, as we need money.

CLUBS.—We will club the Press and the Carolina Farmer, published in Wilmington, for \$2 75 a year; or \$1 50 for six months.

**JOB PRINTING** of all descriptions executed with neatness and dispatch at the Press Office.

## STATE TICKET.

### Democratic Judicial Nominations.

FOR CHIEF JUSTICE SUPREME COURT.  
WILLIAM N. H. SMITH,  
of Wake.

FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGES SUPREME COURT.  
THOMAS S. ASHE,  
of Anson.  
JOHN H. DILLARD,  
of Guilford.

FOR JUDGE, SEVENTH DISTRICT.  
JESSE F. GRAVES,  
of Surry.

FOR JUDGE, EIGHTH DISTRICT.  
ALPHONSO C. AVERY,  
of Burke.

FOR JUDGE, NINTH DISTRICT.  
JAMES C. L. GUDGER,  
of Haywood.

ELECTION, THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST.

### District Judicial Nominations.

FOR SOLICITOR, THIRD DISTRICT.  
SWIFT GALLOWAY,  
of Greene.

FOR SOLICITOR, FOURTH DISTRICT.  
JAMES D. McIVER,  
of Moore.

FOR SOLICITOR, FIFTH DISTRICT.  
FRED. N. STRUDWICK,  
of Orange.

FOR SOLICITOR, SIXTH DISTRICT.  
W. J. MONTGOMERY,  
of Cabarrus.

FOR SOLICITOR, SEVENTH DISTRICT.  
JOSEPH DOBSON,  
of Surry.

FOR SOLICITOR, EIGHTH DISTRICT.  
J. S. ADAMS,  
of Mitchell.

FOR SOLICITOR, NINTH DISTRICT.  
GARLAND S. FERGUSON,  
of Haywood.

### COUNTY TICKET.

FOR THE SENATE:  
DR. WM. A. LASH,  
of Stokes.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:  
THOMAS J. VALENTINE.

SHERIFF:  
JOHN G. HILL.

REGISTER OF DEEDS:  
D. P. MAST.

COUNTY TREASURER:  
CHARLES J. OGBURN.

COUNTY SURVEYOR:  
M. H. MORRIS.

CORONER:  
HENRY A. HOLDER.

The above ticket is well worthy of the support of all the citizens of the county. The candidates are men well known to the people, and should receive the undivided support of the Conservative-Democratic party. Below we publish the appointments of the candidates:

COUNTY CANVASS.—The candidates for the Legislature and County offices will speak at the following times and places: Old Richmond, Thursday, July 25th, Vienna, Friday, July 26th, Old town, Saturday, July 27th, Lewisville, Monday, July 29th, Ben. Hampton's, Tuesday, July 30th, Winston, Wednesday, July 31st.

All citizens are invited to attend.

A CARD.—We would direct special attention to William A. Lash's card, in this issue. It has the ring of the true metal.

### THE COUNTY CANVASS.

We learn that the County campaign is progressing admirably, and that the Conservative-Democratic party is in fine spirits. If all register, who are entitled to vote, and all voters turn out on the day of election, the Conservative-Democratic triumph will be complete in Forsyth. We have everything to encourage us, while, on the other hand, the Republicans are split up and divided among themselves,—some are independents, a number have gone over to the National party, so-called, being disgusted with Republicanism, we presume, while others still hang on to the old radical issues and grow!

As we stated last week, the principles set forth by the new party, calling themselves National, are nothing new to the Conservative-Democratic party—they are in accord with them, and there is, therefore, no valid reason for any to split, scratch or change the ticket of the regular party nominees. Let us remain united, register and vote the regular-

ly nominated Conservative-Democratic ticket, and all will be well.

See address of the State Democratic Committee, in another column.

The statement below, from the organ of the Republican party in North Carolina, is significant and to the point.

"There is no State organization of the Republican party. The State Committee met in Salisbury on the 9th inst., and virtually disbanded the party by refusing to nominate candidates for Judges and by declining to make a campaign. Every Republican is now free to vote just as he pleases. He is not bound to vote for any man because he is a nominee. Therefore, every Republican ought to satisfy himself who is the worst man. Unworthy and corrupt men should be defeated at all hazards."

In view of all these facts, then, let us all go the polls on Thursday next, make a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together.

### Spurious State Ticket.

Democrats throughout the State are notified to be on the alert. Tickets with the names of Smith, Ashe and Dillard, of the Supreme Court, and Graves and Avery of the Superior bench, but with the name of William M. Cooke in place of James C. L. Guder, of the Ninth District, and leaving the Solicitorship blank, are being circulated throughout the State. County Executive Committees should look well to the distribution of proper tickets, and the polls should be carefully watched that the spurious ticket is not palmed off on unsuspecting voters.—News.

BUSINESS.—London dates of July 22, state that active preparations are apparent for favorable changes in commercial affairs, which is expected in consequence of the settlement of the Eastern question.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS.—Opinions have been filed in the following cases from this section:

James Krider vs. R. A. Ramsay, from Rowan; judgment affirmed.

By FAIRLOTH, J.:  
M. L. Beard et al. vs. Jack Hall et al, from Davidson; reversed and judgment for plaintiff.

C. H. Bernheim vs. Waring & Maxwell, from Rowan; judgment reversed.

Jesse E. Enley vs. James A. Kelly, from Rowan; judgment affirmed.

Perjury a Growing Crime.—Under the above heading, the editor of the Hillsboro Recorder has a timely and well-written article, from which we extract as follows:

"Yet the fearful fact stands out as one of daily repetition, that men standing before that awful Presence, and invoking His aid and support that they may speak what is true, deliberately lie! And more fearful still, leave the witness-box without the consciousness of sin or wrong, and too often sustained in their terrible fault by public opinion, gratified by frequent repetition of the crime, or warped in its judgment by the subject matter of controversy. And it is apparent to all that the crime of perjury is of growing dimensions and one becoming more and more to be regarded a venial one, because the more frequent allegation of excusable incidents. No more laws are wanted on the subject. They exist in plenty on the statute books. But a sound public sentiment is needed. Let that be cultivated by the press, by the pulpit, by the courts, by the people, as all essential to arrest a universal depravity, explainable for the past, but intolerable for the future and certain to entail social and material ruin."

### Agricultural Chemicals.

TO BE SUBMITTED TO RIGID ANALYTICAL TESTS.—LETTER FROM PROF. LEDOUX.

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., July 4, 1878.

To the Farmers of North Carolina:

"Our people are being worse cheated in their purchase of chemicals than in any other branch of commerce. A chemist and worthy manufacturer of chemicals recently called my attention to a man who was selling the unsuspecting salt for sulphate of ammonia, and nitrate of soda for saltpeter. Hitherto the experiment station has been able to offer much protection to the farmer in this direction; but at their April meeting the board of agriculture, with a wise liberality, decided to appropriate the necessary money to bring about this desirable end, and with this view I have secured the services of a competent, trained German chemist, who has been in the analysis of all chemical and agricultural products. With this increase in our working force, there will no longer be any excuse for a farmer to be cheated. I offer to every farmer in North Carolina to analyze for him after Sept. 10th, 1878, free of charge, any samples of sulphate of potash, nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia, nitrate of soda, and saltpeter, if he will comply with the following conditions:

1st. The sample must be drawn according to printed instructions which I will furnish on application.

2nd. The express charges must be prepaid to Chapel Hill.

The printed instructions for sampling will be ready on September 1st, and furnished on application. To secure an immediate benefit, let every dealer and every farmer who purchases chemicals demand a guarantee of their composition from the manufacturers, and tell them that a sample will be submitted to me, in September, to see if it comes up to guarantee. The analysis, with the name of manufacturer and agent, will be published in the State papers.

The experiment station will, I trust, continue to grow in usefulness, and from time to time, be able to take up new methods of helping the agriculturists of North Carolina. A. R. LEDOUX.

Among the interesting religious events in Europe this summer is that of the World's Conference of the Young Men's Christian Association, which will take place the middle of August in Switzerland. The work of the conference promises to be of unusual importance.

### The Address of the State Democratic Committee.

Below are the most important parts of the Address just issued by the State Democratic Committee to the Democratic-Conservative party of North Carolina:

The divisions and dissensions that prevail in certain localities in the ranks of the Republican party should animate us to make extraordinary efforts to secure the ascendancy of our party in every county where it is possible throughout the entire State. Every Democrat should see for himself that his name is certainly on the registration books, and the local committee members should be fully and thoroughly organized in every township. Steps should be taken to have every man likely to support our nominees brought up for registration; and then means must be provided to carry every Conservative to the polls. Let every man consider himself a committee man to see that all of our friends are present at the great rally of our party on the first day of August next.

In this connection we desire to call attention to the changes that have been made in our election law by the following provisions of the act ratified 12th day of March, 1877, being sections 21 to 31:

The judges of election at each precinct shall appoint one of their number to attend the meeting of the Board of County Canvassers as a member of the Board, and shall submit him the original return statement of the result of the election. The County Canvassers, chosen shall be the Board of Canvassers. They shall meet August 3d, at 12 o'clock, at the Court-House, and without delay proceed with their business. The Board of County Canvassers (not County Commissioners, as erroneously copied in the printed law) shall make out and sign three abstracts of all the votes cast for Judges and for Solicitor, one of which shall be delivered to the Sheriff and one to the Register of Deeds, and one to be sent by mail, in a registered letter to Maj. J. A. Engelhardt, Secretary of State, Raleigh, N. C.

We regret to hear of independent candidates in certain counties. The tendency of such movements is to divide the party, and to destroy our party organization. Those who seek their personal promotion at the expense of their party friends endeavor to excuse their defection by declaring party organization is not maintained, the party itself becomes broken up and disappears. We trust there are but few men calling themselves Democrats who would willingly contribute to such a deplorable end. The people of North Carolina, and one to be sent by mail, in a registered letter to Maj. J. A. Engelhardt, Secretary of State, Raleigh, N. C.

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It has required a change in national legislation in the interests of the people, and rescued the Government from the baneful influences of great corporations and of those powerful capitalists who, during the late war, preyed upon the necessities of the people, and accumulated vast treasures at the public expense.

It has fought a long and glorious fight with political zealots who in their mad fanaticism had subverted the Constitution and reared military dictatorships upon the ruins of our former State Governments. It has driven the Republican party to abandon its illegal and arbitrary measures which operated so disastrously upon our Southern industries and imperilled our whole civilization, and by its sound principles and wise policy of conciliation has restored peace and harmony to our distracted people.

It has broken the chains of a military despotism forced upon our down-trodden people, and has freed Southern State-houses from armed soldiers proscribed by the Republican administration. It has forced the Republican leaders to desist from their schemes of usurpation and to leave the Southern people free to vote for the men of their choice according to the dictates of reason and of conscience.

But while firm in declaring the right, while persistent that the Constitution should be observed, while determined that law and order and peace should prevail, the Democratic party has ever recognized that our Government is founded on the will of the people, and that the will of the people under the Constitution must be obeyed; it has neither employed nor invoked force but has used only peaceful and constitutional methods to accomplish the great ends it had in view.

In fine, it has restored the Constitution of our fathers,—has re-established our great public burdens, and has kindled an ardent patriotism in the hearts of millions of our Southern people. With such a record, what Southern Democrat will strike a blow at the Democratic party now on the eve of its complete triumph! If any there be, we appeal to the people to give them no aid and comfort at the polls.

We appeal to our friends to remember what would have been our wretched destiny had not the Democratic organization rescued us from the terrible fate which Republican fanaticism had prepared for our people, and we urge them to stand steadily by their organization, which has so happily delivered our country from those great public evils that threatened to overwhelm us.

Be sure that he who is not with us is against us, and he who, arraying himself in the garb of an independent, strikes his covert blow at our party, is a more dangerous foe than the open, pronounced Republican, who fights fairly because he does not pretend to be with us, nor of us.

Stand by our nominees; hold up their hands; register and vote, and when the sun goes down on August 1st we will have routed the enemy, horse, foot and dragons, all along the line.

By the Committee.

S. A. ASHE, Chairman.

J. J. LITCHFORD, Secretary.

## A CARD

To the Voters of the Thirty-Second Senatorial District.

WALNUT COVE, STOKES CO., N. C., July 22nd, 1878.

FELLOW-CITIZENS:—

When the County Convention of Stokes so flatteringly recommended me as their choice for Senator from this District in the next Legislature, I felt it to be duty to the party and myself, to decline the nomination, for the reason that important business demanded my immediate attention outside of the State, which would prevent my giving that attention to the canvass that my respect for the people and appreciation of the honor lead me to desire, this declaration was published, and notwithstanding, my friends in Stokes who claim that to this county by right the Senatorship belongs this time, insisted upon my being their candidate, and to this the party in Forsyth seem to have given their entire approbation. After such an expression of confidence on the part of my friends and fellow-citizens, I do not feel at liberty longer to decline, but put myself in their hands. In accepting this nomination I do not propose to indulge in any extravagant or unusual promises or pledges. In case this nomination is ratified by the people of this District at the polls on the first day of August, I have this to say, that whatever ability or influence I possess will be exerted to the best interest of the people of this District and State. I mean this in its broadest sense.

A strong effort is being made to run the line by way of Farmington and Huntsville, which would make it a little longer. In either event it will pass through one of the most fertile regions in this section of North Carolina, crossing the North and South Yadkin rivers, and traversing the rich lands of Third and Fourth Creeks. It will tap the Western North Carolina Railroad near Rowan Mills, about thirteen miles above Salisbury, and from that point will take an air line to Mooresville. It will open up a rich section, and will indirectly, be a valuable feeder for Charlotte.—Charlotte Observer.

BAIRD MOUNTAIN.—Professor F. W. Clarke, of the University of Cincinnati, accompanied by three or four other visitors to this section, made a trip to Bald Mountain last week, for the purpose of investigating the recent disturbances in that mountain. If Prof. Clarke's theory is correct, all hope of an eruptive volcano is at an end, and Bald Mountain loses the interest it has heretofore inspired. The party returned to this place on Friday. The professor gives it as his opinion that all the commotion is caused by a simple settling of the mountain—a new equilibrium of matter—occurring only on the surface of the mountain; that the mountain rock is of gneissoid formation; that there is no limestone formation underneath; and that there is nothing very extraordinary in all that has occurred. He attributes the smoke that has been seen to arise from its summit, to dust generated by the attrition of the rocks when the settling takes place; the caves that have been formed, to the lapping of the gneiss; and the rumblings to the deceleration naturally caused by the parting of the rocks and its edges.

As to the financial question which seems to have been injected in this canvass, although our legislature has nothing whatever to do with the matter, neither of a national and not State legislation, I will say that I fully endorse my party on this subject, and I believe that the Democratic party, which will soon have control of all branches of the federal government, is better able to bring about needed financial reforms than any new party that scarcely has an existence.

Allow me again, fellow-citizens, to return my thanks for the honor you wish to confer upon me, and I assure you it is no lack of appreciation of the confidence reposed in me, or respect for the people of the District that I have not been with you in this canvass, but business obligations that could not be neglected without serious pecuniary loss have prevented my being with you. If my own interests had been at stake, I could have felt at liberty to have neglected it, but the affairs and interests of others were placed in my hands, which I could not with honor or justice neglect for personal advancement. If it is your will that I should represent you at the polls, I can assure you that I will bring to your service my undivided attention, and an earnest zeal to be of service to the people of my District and State.

Very Respectfully,

WILLIAM A. LASH.

### State News.

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The big tunnel on the Western North Carolina Railroad, which is being bored through the mountain, and the work is progressing at the rate of four feet per day. At this rate the tunnel will be completed in seventy-five days, and then Asheville will be reached with little trouble.

If you select good and healthy food for your family you should also look to the welfare of the baby. For all troubles of the baby, nothing is better than Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup. 25 cents a bottle.

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A party of scientific people, teachers and pupils, male and female, from Indiana and Illinois, are walking in the mountains of North Carolina. They have walked from Somerset, Ky., through the Cumberland Mountains, and are walking on to the Black, which will complete a distance of quite two hundred miles. They propose starting this week for Clayton, Ga., via Waynesville, Webster and Franklin. At Clayton the party separate and return to their respective homes.

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A Charlotte Observer reporter has been exploring the newly discovered Bald Mountain. He says: A better idea can be obtained of the appearance and character of the cave by imagining a large cavern running over five hundred feet into the mountain, about three hundred feet wide, ranging in height from twelve to two hundred feet, and divided into six smaller caves, separately partitioned by walls of gneiss, varying from one to sixty feet in thickness, all connected either above or below the partitions. These caves all have a common junction inside, only two obtaining access to the mountain side, one through the mouth and the other through the window. The mountain passage runs due east directly into the heart of the mountain over three hundred feet downward at first, then changes its course, winding almost spirally, in some places almost perpendicularly, growing gradually smaller, until obtaining an altitude of two hundred feet from its bottom.—Wm. Star.

SALISBURY AND WINSTON AND MOORESVILLE RAILROAD.—One hundred and twenty thousand dollars having been subscribed, the Company has been organized and the following persons were elected Directors: From Forsyth—C. H. Wiley and S. E. Allen; from Davie—A. M. Boone and W. C. Wilson; from Rowan and Iredell—Isaac Harris and Lowrance.

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Rum-light" is a capital short story. The four Editors Departments are well filled: A good strong portrait of Helmholtz, the great German chemist, with a sketch of his life copied from Nature, embellishes the number. One copy one year, \$5. Published by E. R. Felton, 25 Bond Street, New York.

THE GROWING CROPS.—From a mass of statistics collected by the New York Herald that journal concludes that the prospects of an abundant harvest in this country seems to be excellent. About thirty million acres were in wheat the present year, an increase over last year in area sown of fifteen per cent. for winter and eighteen for spring wheat. We notice as a curious fact that while the total surface sown with wheat is nearly as great as all new England, twelve States will this year produce nearly four-fifths of the entire crop. These are Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and California. The crop promises to exceed three hundred and fifty million bushels, of which forty-five millions will be needed for seed, and it is estimated that we shall have a surplus of seventy million bushels for shipment. Besides the thirty millions in wheat we have fifty million acres in Indian corn. Illinois alone has nine million acres in corn, and Iowa five millions. The acreage of corn has increased twenty millions since 1860. The prospect is for a fair rather than a great crop. The acreage in oats is ten per cent greater than last year, and the yield will be above the average. The acreage in cotton is three per cent greater than last year.—The Southern States have a far greater area in food crops than ever before, the planters having discovered that it is profitable to them to raise grain as well as cotton. We notice also that in the New England States there is an increase in the number of small wheat fields, which shows that the farmers in that region have found it profitable to raise at least a part of the bread they consume.

NEW YORK.—New York has done an immense business this year in the export business. Since January 1 the value of domestic exports alone reaches the very large sum of \$152,185,286.—This is a tremendous increase over 1877, it being no less than \$108,000,000 for the same period. It is an increase also of \$34,000,000 over the first half of 1877. —Washington Star.

In New York, last week, 12,000,000 pounds of sugar were sold. The dry goods auction amounted to \$5,000,000. There were 1,264,000 bushels of corn and 800,000 bushels of wheat sold.

### THE MARKETS.

BACON AND LARD: Western Sides, 6 1/2 to 7; Country, 7 1/2 to 8; Shoulders, 6 to 7; Hams, 8 to 10; Lard, 10 to 11.

CORN: 50 to 60; Wheat, \$0 90 to 1 10; Oats, 35 to 40; Flour super (100 lbs) 2 25 to 2 50; Family, 2 50 to 2 75; Meal, 1 25 to 1 50; Chop, 1 00 to 1 25; Rice, Carolina, 10 to 12; Flax Seed per bush, 0 00 to 0 90; Potatoes, Irish, 50 to 60; Peas, 65.

PRODUCE: Eggs, 00 to 10; Butter, 15 to 20; Feathers, 4 to 50; Beeswax, 0 to 25; Hay, 35 to 40; Dried Cherries, 124 cents per pound; Blackberries, 5 to 6 cts. per lb.

### Winston Tobacco Market.

Lugs, Dark, \$1 50 to \$2 00; Bright Lugs, Common, 3 50 to 4 50; " " Good, 5 00 to 8 00; " " Fine, 10 00 to 12 00; Red Leaf Common, 3 00 to 4 50; " " Good, 5 00 to 7 50; " " Fine, 8 00 to 12 00; Dark Wrappers, Common, 14 00 to 18 00; Bright Wrappers, Common, 14 00 to 18 00; " " Medium, 18 00 to 22 50; " " Fine, 25 00 to 45 00; Mahogany Wrappers, 22 50 to 50 00; According to quality.

CHARLOTTE, July 19.—Flour: \$2 40 a \$2 65 per sack. Wheat 95 a \$1 10. Corn 55c. Bacon 64 a 8c. Butter 15 a 16c. Peas 00 a 55c. FAYETTEVILLE, July 19.—Bacon 64 a 8c. Flour 24 25 a 25 25. Corn 60c. Wheat 95 a \$1 00. Oats 45c a 50c. Lard 9 a 10. Whisky \$2 00 a \$2 25. Brandies \$2 25. NEW YORK, July 23.—Flour 45 a 50. Wheat 95 a \$1 10. Corn 41 a 46. BALTIMORE, July 23.—Flour 2 a 3 25; wheat \$1 02 a \$1 08. Corn 45 a 50.

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BOYKIN, CARMER & CO. PROPRIETORS.

July 11-30—Baltimore, Md.

THE DAILY NEWS. PUBLISHED BY THE NEWS PUBLISHING COMPANY, Raleigh, N. C.

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THE OBSERVER. Raleigh, N. C.

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## CARPETS, CARPETS, CARPETS.

THE people of this vicinity have long felt the necessity of having a larger and better assortment of Carpets to select from than has ever been kept in the place before. That want is now fully supplied. We have secured the exclusive use of

Richardson's Carpet Exhibitor, for showing Carpets; a brief description of the use of which we give below.







## Agriculture.

### Thinning Fruit.

A writer in the *Country Gentleman* says:—The earlier this operation is performed, the better for the trees and the specimens that remain. The only advantage in deferring it is that the poorest, or those which are knotty or defective, may be picked off, and the largest and fairest may be left to grow. Those who have not given up this practice as a trial, and who are not satisfied with great labor or expense. On the contrary, the labor is actually lessened. If a tree has a thousand specimens on it early in summer, and these are allowed to grow and ripen, one-half may require picking out to render the other half salable. The whole must therefore be carefully sorted after all have been hand-picked. It is much easier to strip off the half when one-tenth grown and with no careful handling, the scrubby ones taken out, and the others have impeded the growth of the good ones; but if picked off early, free growth is allowed to all the rest. It may not be that the proportion of poor specimens to be sorted out in autumn is equal to one-half; but the diminished size of the rest would be an equal loss. A neighbor removed early in the season, two-thirds of the pears on a part of his tree of Louise Boone of Jersey; these gave as many bushels, from the increased size of the pears, as the remainder of the tree, but still there were too many left, and he was satisfied it would have been better to have taken at least three-fourths. A successful peach raiser obtains as many bushels from his trees as he can get, and the same trees produce peaches being so much larger as to make up in bulk the difference in number, while the price received for the large and excellent specimens was triple that received from the small and poor fruit on crowded branches. On this practice, the grower obviously served the last peaches on a tree are finer in flavor than those which ripen first while the branches are crowded, the few days of ripening with ample space, producing a striking difference in quality. The greater would be the difference both in size and flavor if the ample room is given early in the season.

We need a system of experiments to determine accurately how much space should be given or the different fruits. When, for instance, there is a full crop of peaches, they often touch each other. Let a number of trees or branches on the same tree be selected, and on one thin the peaches to four inches distance; on another to six inches; on another to eight inches, and on a fourth to a foot. When the fruit ripens, weigh and count the specimens, and observe their appearance and quality. Try similar experiments on apple, pear and plum trees. This may be easily done, and it may give, by several repetitions, valuable information as to the result. It should be borne in mind that the number which are left on the tree, other things being equal, the less the tree will be injured by exhaustion, and it is not advisable to attempt therefore to get the largest number of bushels, but rather to preserve the health and vigor of the tree.

**Necessity of Ventilating the Soil.**  
Professor R. T. Brown, writing in the *Indiana Farmer* upon the conditions of plant-growth, makes the following remarks on this subject:—"Free access to air is an essential condition of growth in most species of vegetables. A few aquatic plants grow in water as their normal condition, but, with the exception of rice, these do not belong to farm culture. This demand for air is seldom observed by the farmer, because the exposure of the stem and leaves is secured without any attention being required, and if the plant suffers from want of air at the root, the defect need not be visible, the unhealthy condition will, most likely, be referred to some other cause. A simple experiment will demonstrate the importance of air at the root of a growing plant will astonish most farmers. Take a large flower pot and varnish it on the outside to prevent the air penetrating it. Fill it with earth and plant in it some hardy plant, such as a cucumber, for example. When this has got into a vigorous state of growth, cover the earth in the pot with a batter of plaster of paris, and when it is hard varnish the surface of it well, and your plant will die in forty-eight hours. Nearly the same effect is produced by saturating the soil with water, if that condition is maintained for any considerable time. Water, however, is capable of absorbing a large amount of air, and on this account plants with their roots immersed in water will live much longer than if they were entirely excluded from air. A perfect ventilation of the soil is one of the purposes—indeed, the chief purpose of underdraining, and the other husbandry of the soil. The importance of this may be observed by cultivating a corn crop on a stiff clay soil. A heavy shower falls immediately after the plow or cultivator has been used. A few days of sunshine covers the surface of the ground with a crust of baked clay, and the air cannot penetrate. The corn directly shows the want of air by its yellow hue, but the plow or cultivator will almost immediately restore its dark green color. Every farmer understands the importance of keeping the ground loose and well pulverized in order to secure a healthy growth of his crops, but every one has not thought to ask himself why this is necessary."

### The Weed Nuisance.

Weeds will assert their rights whenever there is a chance, and if unchecked will monopolize the entire farm. Cultivation, in a general sense, is the best exterminator. But weeds should not be removed and thrown away—burnt in piles as farmers do; they should be made a source of income, or at least to pay for their "grub," by adding them to the manure heap. Some may say that the seed of the weeds retain their vitality in the manure, and when the manure is spread on the earth, these weeds grow and give us a world of trouble. We have heard this objection over and over again; and many either burn their weeds or cart them to some waste hole for fear of this. On the other hand, we know that the manure heap is a place where the seeds of weeds are kept in a dormant state, and a vigorous intellect at the head of the manure heap will find it difficult to encourage weed-seed once in a while, he would rather preach the doctrine of encouraging everything into this common receptacle for all vegetable and animal refuse, than aid in the waste of good material which we so often see.

Even where there is likely to be much objection from weed seeds in a manure heap, provided the vegetable refuse is likely to be valuable, the seeds may be destroyed by composting. The warmth

of the decaying mass causes the seeds to sprout; and if the whole mass is turned over once or twice, so as to give air enough to all the seeds in time to germinate, all the objectionable matter may be destroyed. We fear far more from ugly roots of vile creeping weeds in the manure-heap than we do from bad seeds; but even these may be pretty badly worried by a stirring over of the mass a time or two before using. But this requires labor; and how much labor can be made profitable will always be a question before the saving of waste material, however valuable in the abstract it may be.

A writer in the *Poultry World* argues that there is no foundation for the theory that one breed of domestic fowl is more tender and juicy than another; any fowl badly fed or cared for is necessarily poor, "stingy" and unpalatable, but, other things equal, no difference can be discovered in the taste of the flesh of the various breeds.

## Domestic.

### HOW TO DRY FLOWERS IN SAND.

The *Floral Cabinet* says:—There are many of our brilliant flowers, such as dahlias, pansies, pinks, geraniums, and carnations, which are so beautiful in color that they are worth preserving for years. White flowers will not answer well for this purpose, nor any succulent plant, as hyacinths or cactuses. Take deep dishes, or of sufficient depth to sprinkle more sand over them, and lay in the flowers, with their stems downward, holding them firmly in place. Cover the dish with a layer of common white sand, such as is used for scouring purposes, cover the bottom of the dish with a layer half an inch deep, and lay in the flowers, with their stems downward, holding them firmly in place. Cover the dish with a layer of common white sand, such as is used for scouring purposes, cover the bottom of the dish with a layer half an inch deep, and lay in the flowers, with their stems downward, holding them firmly in place. Cover the dish with a layer of common white sand, such as is used for scouring purposes, cover the bottom of the dish with a layer half an inch deep, and lay in the flowers, with their stems downward, holding them firmly in place.

**BAKED HAM.**—Cover your ham with cold water and simmer gently, just long enough to loosen the skin so that it can be pulled off; this will probably be in a very slow oven, let it remain a full hour in after covering with sugar, until it becomes a rich golden brown. When done, drain from the liquid in the pan and put on a dish to cool; when it is cool, but not cold, press, by turning it on its side, with a weight, and cover it over. You will never want to eat ham cooked any other way when you have once tasted this, and the pressing makes it cut firmly for sandwiches or slicing.

**SPLASH TOWELS.**—First take a piece of Turkish-bath toweling the required length, and hem all around with a narrow hem. Then take a square of cotton around it off with a row of red yarn crocheted on the white. Then in the centre baste a piece of railroad canvas, on which you will initial or flowers or anything you like. Lastly, a solution containing 5 per cent. alum and 5 per cent. phosphate of ammonia was tried on linen and woolen stuffs. Here, too, there was no burning. The stuffs treated with phosphate of ammonia did not burn when they were being vigorously rubbed with gunpowder. The powder flashed, but left the stuffs unharmed. The clothes lose their combustibility, however, by getting wet or being washed. It is a disadvantage, too, that they can only be worn in certain places.

## Humorous.

—Lost at sea.—The sight of land.  
—"The morn of life has passed!"  
and we mourn more'n ever.  
—We say "a laying hen" instead of "a laying hen," because she is honest.  
—Boston Globe.  
—Archery is the most dangerous amusement for young women. They are sure to make an arrow escape from their beaus.  
—The muscles of the human jaw exert a force of 300 pounds. Exchange.—Think of that, young man, in choosing a partner for life.  
—California will swap her wheat this summer for \$70,000,000. She has already begun to sing, "This wheat buy and buy."—St. Louis Journal.  
—"I wish to be a friend to the friendless; a father to the fatherless, and a widow to the widows," said a gushing speaker at a recent revival meeting.

—An Oil Citizen whose last summer's suit was ruined by a clothes cleaner, says the fellow is one of the few, the immortal names that were not born to dye.—Derriek.  
—A Minnesota farmer who has five grown-up daughters has sued the county. He claims that his residence has been used as a court house for the past two years.  
—The country is full of poets, scholars and deep thinkers, but the man has not been born who can tell why the sleeves of summer undershirts are always five inches too long.

—"Gimme a cigar," said Jones to his friend, "and now gimme a match." "I'll give you a cigar and a match, but you must do the smoking," was the sarcastic reply.—Express.  
—"One kind word spoken to a tramp may cheer his whole future life. Remember this when you see him walking off with your axe and fifty feet of garden hose."—Detroit Free Press.  
—A West-End tailor, while at Scarborough for his holiday last season, one morning, on emerging from the water, into which he had just taken a "header" from his machine, found himself close to a customer who had long been in his debt. Seizing the opportunity, "I say, sir," he cried, "when are you going to settle my little account?" "O, you shall have it at once," was the ready reply, "if you got my bill with you."

## Poulth's Department.

### The Green.

BY ELIZABETH KIRK.

Where does it come from—  
This beautiful green,  
From darkest to light,  
And all shades between?

Not out of the bark  
So withered and bare!  
It's hard to tell,  
The green was in there.

Where does it come from—  
This wonderful green,  
From darkest to light,  
And all shades between?

Not from the branches  
So brown and so bare,  
For who could ever think  
The green was in here!

God smiled thro' the clouds;  
The wind caught the glow,  
And shook off the snow,  
Then sunshine and rain  
Went painting the shoot;  
And lo! the voice of the green  
We come by the green.

### Be Something.

It is the duty of every one to take some active part as actor on the stage of life. Some seem to think that they can vegetate and wait, without being anything in particular. Man was not made to rust out his life. It is expected he should "act well his part." He must be something. He has a work to perform which it is his duty to attend to. We are not placed here to grow up, pass through the various stages of life, and then die without having done anything for the benefit of the human race. It is a principle in the creed of the Mahomedans that every one should have a trade. To Christian doctrine there is added the duty of being useful to the world. Is a man to live upon the wealth which his ancestors have acquired by frugal industry? Is he placed here to pass through life an automaton? Has he nothing to perform as an actor on the stage of life? He is a man who does nothing is useless to his country as an inhabitant. A man who does nothing is a mere cipher. He does not fulfill the obligations for which he was sent into the world, and when he dies, he has not finished his work that was given him to do. He is a mere blank in creation. Some are born with riches and honors upon their heads. But does it follow that they have nothing to do in their career through life? There are certain duties for every one to perform. Be something. Don't live like a hermit, and die unregretted.

**"Little Bo-Peep" and the Dying Child.**  
I remember when I was nursing in hospital once, there was a poor little boy about six years old dying of rheumatism, and his mother, who was a widow, was sitting by his bed, and he was saying, "Twinkle, twinkle, little star," and "Black-eyed Susan," till the paroxysm of pain was over, and he'd quiet down again. I always knew when that was his father's voice in his room, and I was better glad to hear it than any music, for it told me the pain was gone for a while, and I could let him down to sleep again.

Poor wee mite! I was singing "Little Bo-Peep" to him as he died. I had him in my arms. He'd been sinking all day. I knew he couldn't last out another; and though he tried to join in as usual, his voice went into a gasp, and he broke. I'd been sometimes used to call the children in the ward my little sheep; and when I came to the end of the verse—  
"Little Bo-Peep she lost her sheep,  
And doesn't know where to find 'em;  
Let them alone, and they'll soon be home,  
An' bring their little lambs behind 'em."

He looked up in my face with a bit of a smile on his little drawn white mouth, and said:  
"Nursie! I know where to find her little sheep when he goes home. Will I be long going home now, nursey?"  
Long! Ah, poor lamb! ten minutes later he'd gone home.—Cassell's Magazine.

### Children's Tombs.

Westminster Abbey is full of the remembrances of great men and famous women. But it is also full of the remembrances of little boys and girls, whose death shot a pang through the hearts of those who loved them, and who wished that they never should be forgotten. Almost the earliest royal tomb in the abbey is that of a beautiful little deaf and dumb girl of five years old, the Princess Catherine, daughter of King Henry III., who loved her dearly. She was not forgotten, and her two little brothers, and perhaps four little nephews, were buried close by her. And there is the tomb of a little girl of five years old, the Princess Catherine, daughter of King Henry III., who loved her dearly. She was not forgotten, and her two little brothers, and perhaps four little nephews, were buried close by her. And there is the tomb of a little girl of five years old, the Princess Catherine, daughter of King Henry III., who loved her dearly. She was not forgotten, and her two little brothers, and perhaps four little nephews, were buried close by her.

—More than a year ago an exploration was made across the Isthmus of Darien by an expedition under Lieutenant Wyse of the French Navy, with a view to an interoceanic canal, the project originated with a company having its seat in France, and after the careful exploration Wyse reported in favor of a line from the point of Gandi on the Atlantic, along the valleys of the Tupiza and Titi, to the river Tura, near where it discharges in the Gulf of San Miguel. Recently he went to Bogota to negotiate with the Colombian Government, and news has been received that a contract has been concluded. The canal will be neutral, and free to the commerce of the world. The company is to receive a grant of the land for 600 feet on each side of the canal, and a million acres in any part of the country they choose. The work is to be completed before 1895.

## A MONSTROUS LAND SWINDLE.

CALIFORNIA'S GREAT REAL ESTATE AND MILLIONS OF ACRES SOLD TO INNOCENT BUYERS.

The San Francisco *Chronicle*, in a recent issue, says:  
A fraud of a startling nature, and doubtless one of the most stupendous in its purposes and results ever perpetrated in this State, has recently been discovered, amounting to nothing less than the counterfeiting of the great seal of the State of California, and its application to prodigious schemes of thievery. For what period and to what extent this fraudulent instrument has been in use, outside investigation has not determined, but it is quite certain that many thousands, mayhap millions of acres of land, including some of the best improved and valuable in the State, are held under fictitious titles, devolving upon the employment of this counterfeit. It is further intimated that men of prominence and high social position, and who are held in esteem and integrity are concerned in this fraud, and that its perpetration will in due time solve the mystery of many an easily accumulated fortune in various quarters. From the extent to which fictitious titles to land are held under this counterfeit seal in all parts of the State it is evident that hundreds have been directly or indirectly concerned in the villainy, while the victims may be estimated by thousands. It seems no less assured that the public officials, the men of prominence and high social position, and who are held in esteem and integrity are concerned in this fraud, and that its perpetration will in due time solve the mystery of many an easily accumulated fortune in various quarters. From the extent to which fictitious titles to land are held under this counterfeit seal in all parts of the State it is evident that hundreds have been directly or indirectly concerned in the villainy, while the victims may be estimated by thousands. It seems no less assured that the public officials, the men of prominence and high social position, and who are held in esteem and integrity are concerned in this fraud, and that its perpetration will in due time solve the mystery of many an easily accumulated fortune in various quarters.

The worthless deeds based upon the counterfeit seal, are put upon record in the several counties, and in case of suits affecting title the records and not the patents are produced in court. Many a lawyer has thus lost his case from the records alone, whereas, if he could have reached the original itself and have been advised of the existence of the counterfeit seal, he might have reached a favorable result. In what manner the employment of this counterfeit seal was discovered is not stated, but it is impossible that the points developed in continuous land litigation in the State for some years past, the practice of some gigantic system of fraud should have been unsuspected. An impression of the counterfeit seal received at the *Chronicle* office shows that the work has been skillfully executed, but there are variations from the genuine which are easily detected, and by which the counterfeit may be readily detected. There is a variation in the head of the bear in the counterfeit amounting to a manifest discrepancy. The ship in the distance in the genuine yields to the pressure of the breeze, while in the counterfeit it stands erect and becalmed. The pick in the hands of the miner is sharply cut in the original, while in the counterfeit it bears more the resemblance of a carpenter's hammer. The front end of the rocker in the genuine partially conceals the leg of the miner, while in the counterfeit it barely reaches him. There are like variations in the drapery of the coat, the figure of the oxen of the hills, &c., that might also serve to detect the counterfeit from the genuine. It is appalling to contemplate the amount of litigation that may attend a thorough sifting of the frauds that have attended the use of the counterfeit seal; the hardship that will befall the thousands of holders of fictitious land titles, and the infamous downfall of not a few of the high in estate. A proper dispensation of justice in the matter would largely increase the colony of San Francisco, the counterfeit seal of the State, in itself being made a punishable by not less than five nor more than fourteen years imprisonment. Already the finger of suspicion has been pointed in various directions and startling events may be looked for speedily if some unwholesome influence does not impede the progress of investigation. The fact of this enormous crime, with the widespread and prodigious wrongs attending it, having gained publicity, the people will look anxiously for immediate energetic action on the part of the State authorities for the detection of the evil and the punishment of the guilty.

—Some few years ago a western genius invented a "corky" arrangement by which the person sitting in a carriage could immediately stop a runaway horse. It is simply a sort of a derrier over the horse, and as soon as the animal makes an effort to run away the driver operates a lever which draws the horse off his feet. Like a new paper in the country, it fills a long-felt want, but it was left to a Norristown man to make it perfect. The old arrangement was not a particle of use to a man on the back of a runaway horse. By a simple attachment, perfected by the giant intellect of one of our citizens, a man riding horseback is enabled to hoist his steed off his feet the moment he evinces a disposition to run away. There is no knowing where the ingenuity of man will stop in the reconstruction of our existence as a free and independent people.—Norr. Herald.

—Adverse fate is all powerful, and cannot be avoided. A young man on Zion Hill, who has waited three months for an opportunity to offer his heart to his beloved, has just commenced his oration, Sunday evening, when he felt a June bug crawling up his trousers. Said he, "You must be aware, dearest Sarah Julia, that I have for a long time—Oh! Thunder and Guns!—been waiting for the opportunity to offer my heart to you. I have just commenced my oration, Sunday evening, when he felt a June bug crawling up his trousers. Said he, "You must be aware, dearest Sarah Julia, that I have for a long time—Oh! Thunder and Guns!—been waiting for the opportunity to offer my heart to you. I have just commenced my oration, Sunday evening, when he felt a June bug crawling up his trousers. Said he, "You must be aware, dearest Sarah Julia, that I have for a long time—Oh! Thunder and Guns!—been waiting for the opportunity to offer my heart to you. 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